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1. [ ] ship arrived in Sulina on 11 August 1954. There are only two wharves in Sulina; one on either bank of the Danube River. The wharf on the right bank can accommodate two vessels. There are no machine installations, and the area seems completely bare. After police and customs inspections, the vessel departed the morning of 12 August, escorted by a motor launch of the Border Guard. The vessel arrived in Galati the afternoon of 12 August, and remained about ten days to load cotton seed.

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2. In the port of Galati there were [ ] river convoys consisting of rafts towed by regular tugboats. A naval shipyard for repair work and construction of small vessels is located downstream from the port on the left bank. The shipyard consists of one large masonry shed and other small structures. Two tugboats were under construction, equipped with about 40-meter steel hull, and a rather high forecastle. Two torpedo boats were undergoing repairs.

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3. [redacted] no activity toward reconstruction of the city. Many Soviet military personnel were observed, but few Rumanians were seen. The Soviets are billeted in the few remaining habitable buildings. The civilian population is living under very poor conditions.

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4. [ ] ship left Galati on 21 August and arrived in Braila the same day. After the customary inspections, the vessel moved to the eastern wharf, which is constructed on a slope. The port of Braila appeared to be operating efficiently. [ ] the western wharf, which is equipped with two grain elevators and two cranes. The eastern wharf is equipped with a 5-ton traveling crane.

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5. Many lighters were observed in Braila, some of which were equipped with bucket conveyers for loading and unloading grain. There were also four tugboats; two Rumanian of 5-600 horsepower, and two Soviet, adapted for towing large convoys of lighters along the river.

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6. A fuel depot, equipped with three 3,000 to 4,000 ton metal tanks, painted aluminum, is located downstream from the port. A loading dock is located opposite the fuel depot.
7. There were no significant war damages in Braila, which is reportedly the headquarters of Soviet units comprising a total of 14,000 men. Soviet officers live with their families in private dwellings which were taken over from the Rumanians. As in other localities in Rumania, the people in Braila live in miserable conditions.

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